

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Masaki YAMAUCHI et al. : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**
Serial No. NEW : Attorney Docket No. 2003_1057A
Filed July 29, 2003 : **THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975**
**AUTHENTICATION APPARATUS
AND AUTHENTICATION METHOD**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows: